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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



The trade sentiment for frozen toms and hens was barely steady to fully steady. Fairly good trading reported for prompt shipments. Demand generally light with most purchasing taking place for fill in needs. Most processors working on deliveries of fresh and frozen birds for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. Offerings of fresh hens and toms light to adequate. Trading light to moderate on bulk parts, meats and rib breasts.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand slowing and trading light at best. Most interest from Mexico for frozen thigh meat and drums.

SAN FRANCISCO TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB) DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	88-104
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	87-104
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	87-104
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	88-104
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	90-104

LOS ANGELES PROCESSED TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB) DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	80-94
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 28# & UP	83-100
BREASTS 10-12#	151-158
COOKED ROLLS 60/40% 9# & UP	

	<u>RANGE</u>
<u>DELIVERED TO RETAILERS</u>	
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	103-104
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	103-104
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	80-85
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	80-85
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	80-82

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

<u>CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/</u>					<u>FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/</u>			<u>OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/</u>	
	<u>OFFERS</u>	<u>SALES</u>	<u>WTD AVG</u>	<u>VOLUME (000)</u>	<u>WTD AVG</u>	<u>VOLUME (000)</u>	<u>DEL. PER</u>	<u>VOLUME (000)</u>	<u>DEL. PER</u>
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	76-81	76-79	77.62	520	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	78-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	79-80	79-80	79.12	1416	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	72-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-76	74-76	75.14	880	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 15 NOVEMBER 1999.

Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on tom drums with some cautiousness noted, necks mixed ranging from fully steady to instances weak, tom 2-joint wings barely steady to fully steady, tom full-cut wings steady to firm. Bulk parts demand slow to fair, mostly fair with the best interest noted on tom full-cut wings. Some sellers continue to emphasize Thanksgiving whole turkey sales and deliveries while placing a low priority on parts and meat items. For domestic (light volumes): tails 13-14, frozen -15% thigh trim 38, plant grade basted 16-18 lb. breasts 138 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	109.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	28.00		28.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	29.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	27.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	34.00		34.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	28.60	50
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	19.00		19.00	40
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	137.00-138.00		137.33	120
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	139.00-142.00		139.38	320
THIGH MEAT		F	62.00	8
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	64.00	242
BREAST TRIM MEAT	106.00-107.00		106.50	80
SCAPULA MEAT	65.00		65.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	51.00	8
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	21.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		F	18.63	320

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	29.00		29.00	240
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	30.00		30.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	27.00	156
TAILS		F	13.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	21.00	248
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	62.00-63.00		62.83	240

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.